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Requested by Representative Dave Gallik

For the House Judiciary Committee

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1. Page 1, line 20.

Strike: "."

Insert: "; and

WHEREAS, the Law and Justice Interim Committee of the Montana Legislature studied the "disproportionate minority contact in the Montana criminal justice system" and found that a significant number of individuals in the corrections system have mental health issues; and

WHEREAS, at least one previous interim study of the Montana Legislature addressed the mental health of individuals in the juvenile justice system but did not study the criminal justice system as a whole; and

WHEREAS, there is a need for a comprehensive interim study that would include a review of all previous studies and laws related to mental health issues in the juvenile justice system for the purposes of development of a plan to implement priorities to deal with those issues."

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